

# **Problematics of extraordinary punishment**

## **Abstract**

In this diploma thesis I deal with the current legal regulation of the extraordinary punishment and its impact on prisoners. Extraordinary punishment is the strictest possible punishment of crime in the Czech Republic, that involves many areas of basic human rights and it significantly restricts them, for that reason, in my point of view, is necessary, that this issue has sufficient attention.

The thesis is divided into eight chapters, except the last chapter, all of them are thematically divided into subchapters. At the beginning, I deal with the concept of punishment and philosophical grounds for punishment. The second chapter is devoted to the historical development of punishment in the Czech Republic, mainly focusing on the most severe punishment, as the death penalty, life imprisonment and the longest possible prison sentences. The third chapter discussed the most important international documents that significantly influenced our national legislation, both in sentencing and in providing appropriate conditions in prisons.

The core parts of the thesis are chapters four and five, which deal with valid legislation. Chapter four deals with the issue of extraordinary punishment, the differences in the course of criminal proceedings, the possibilities of conditional release, or the question of the President's grace. Chapter five focuses on the actual performance of exceptional sentences in prisons describes how placement of convicts in various prisons works, deals with differences sentence of life prisoners and deals with employment of convicted persons. Attention is also paid to the consequences of long-term imprisonment on psyche of prisoners.

The sixth chapter briefly outlines the differences of extraordinary punishment in relation to juveniles. The seventh chapter deals with the differences in extraordinary punishments in Slovakia and in Germany, as in the countries closest to the Czech Republic. The last chapter deals with several drafts of the *de lege ferenda*.